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Deputies' Meeting

Thursday, 3 July 1952

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PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Wisner, Becker, Hedden, Col. White, []

General Smith:

a. Discussed certain personnel replacement problems and directed that our Personnel people sit down with Generals [] in order to "pry loose some good people." Col. White undertook to follow through on this.

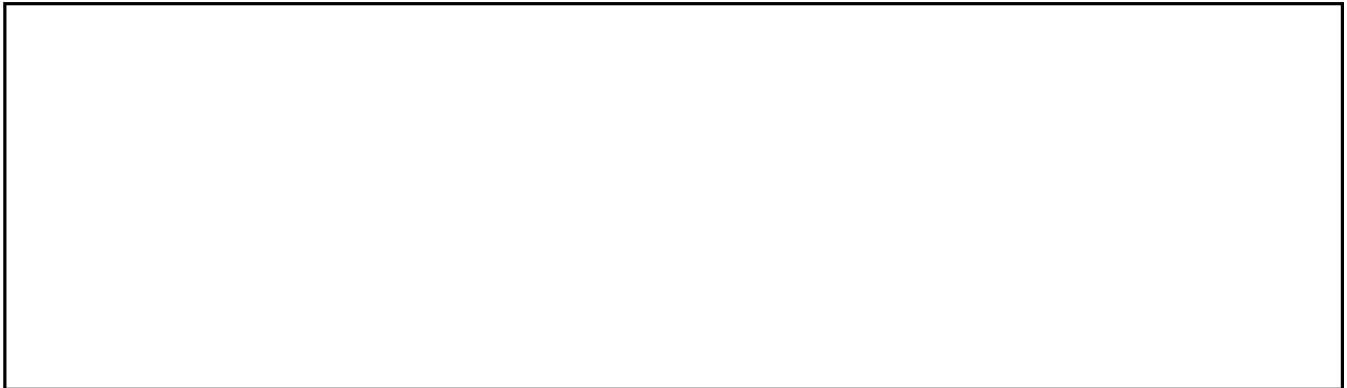
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b. Noted the item in today's Log concerning information we had received at the Tripartite meeting at Saigon. Mr. Wisner stated in this connection that things have recently taken a turn for the better in our dealings with the French there and he believed this was a result of our conversations with []. He also referred to a cable which had been received [] on this matter and undertook to furnish [] a copy of the cable for the Director. (NOTE: This has been done.)

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Mr. Wisner:



Col. White:

a. Noted that the conference on the budget was meeting at 10 a.m. and we should have a report later today. The Director stated that he had talked to O'Mahoney who had indicated that we should have no trouble in getting a supplemental budget approved; however, he (the Director) did not think this

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Col. White (Cont'd.)

would be necessary. In this connection, the Director received a call from Senator Ferguson's office giving final approval on our request to allocate \$750,000 for the purpose of air conditioning our temporary buildings. The Director stated that while the original request was for \$733,000, he desired to spend the additional amount to air condition the infirmary and such other places as might be needed.

Mr. Becker:

a. Reported that he did not have a paper on the President's proposed economic conference in the Middle East as yet; however, he would have something for the Director before he next went to the White House.

b. Noted that he had called on Admiral Johnson who had indicated Admiral Espe was being brought in as the new Director of Naval Intelligence.



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